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### PENCE CALLS CLONING “ABOMINATION”

**Washington, Feb 12, 2003** - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted to ban human cloning today as the House Judiciary Committee passed a bill on a vote of 19-12 and sent it to the House floor for consideration by the full House.

“Keeping human cloning legal is the equivalent of turning human life into a wholesale commodity. It is an abomination,” said Pence. “By passing this cloning ban today, we showed the American people that we stand with them in showing respect for the sanctity of human life and I strongly urge the full House to do the same.”

Specifically the bill will:

- Prohibit any person or entity from cloning or attempting to clone humans.
- Prohibit the importation of an embryo produced by human cloning.
- Penalties for violating the ban include fines and/or imprisonment for not more than ten years, and possible civil penalties of not less than \$1 million.

“The ability to do something, however noble it’s goals may seem, does not always mean we should do it,” said Pence.

“When you boil down all the scientific arguments from the opposition, the bottom line in the Good Book is this: great nations have collapsed morally from within. Therefore, as a nation, we must maintain the highest possible standards of medical conduct and protect human life regardless of its stage of development. We must not allow human life to be created and then destroyed for the potential benefit of another.”

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